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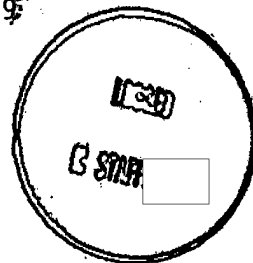
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council  
 Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:

Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

SUBJECT: IPC Staff Monthly Report--April 1989

Summary

1. In April, the Staff focused on the following projects and activities:

- o National Intelligence Topics (NITs)

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- o Community Reporting of Finished Intelligence
- o Consumer Survey Follow-on Activities
- o FY 1990 Production Enhancement Initiative (PEI) Program
- o External Research Contract Database
- o Weapons Intelligence Initiatives [Redacted]

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National Intelligence Topics (NITs)

2. The final draft of the FY 1990 NITs was coordinated and approved by the NITs Working Group in mid-April. Copies have been sent to the IPC members, departmental production elements, and the DCI's collection and production committees for planning purposes. Official promulgation will come through the NSC's Policy Coordinating Committee for Intelligence (PCC-I), which will be meeting soon. [Redacted]

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3. The FY 1990 NITs reflect several changes and enhancements:

- o We have added ACDA, Justice, and the US Trade Representative to the NITs Working Group; this brings the total number of policymaking organizations involved in the NITs developmental process to 10.

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- o For the first time, the FY 1990 NITs will identify national issues of highest policy interest. Each organization on the Working Group was asked to provide a list of its "Top Ten" NIT issues. Overlapping interests resulted in a consolidated listing of 72 unique issues of highest policy interest out of a potential of 90. Because of its diverse interests, the NSC did not submit its "Top Ten," but instead reviewed and approved the "Top Ten" submitted by the other Working Group members. These issues will be highlighted throughout the text, and an abbreviated listing of each agency's "Top Ten" will appear in the document. The consolidated "Top Ten" issues of highest policy interest are intended to help production and collection managers focus their efforts more effectively. 25X1
- o We also have restructured the Regional Issues category to make it more useful and consistent with the other two categories. This reorganization will help facilitate our automation of the NITs and will enhance our ability to monitor NIT-related intelligence production and gaps.
- o There are 346 subtopics for 1990 compared with 295 in the FY 1989 NITs--a 17 percent increase. This increase resulted from a restructuring of the Regional Issues section, the expanded representation of the Working Group, and the widening interests of the policy community. 25X1

4. Additionally, we have completed a report on Community-wide production of finished intelligence relative to the FY 1988 NITs. This report will be disseminated in early May. 25X1

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Community Reporting of Finished Intelligence

6. In the interest of ensuring more uniform reporting on the Community's production of noncurrent, substantive intelligence, the IPC Staff is convening an ad hoc working group on 22 May to develop standardized criteria for reporting. In this way, the IPC Staff, as well as Community planners, will have more accurate data for trends analysis and decisionmaking relative to production. [REDACTED]

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Consumer Survey Follow-on Activities

7. We have received more favorable comments on the Consumer Survey and continue to get requests for more copies and more briefings. We briefed the findings of the Survey to TTIC, STIC, and CIA's MPSS during April. In May a briefing is scheduled for personnel in DIA's Directorate for JCS Support. [REDACTED]

8. We also scheduled our first Consumer Survey Action Group meeting to organize and exchange ideas and to develop an action plan relative to the IPC recommendations arising from the Survey findings. We received endorsement on several IPC Staff initiatives related to problem areas uncovered by the Survey. The Group also provided thoughtful suggestions on which we expect to act in the next few months. Development of a videotaped orientation briefing on the Intelligence Community for senior policymakers will be high on the agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for 25 May. [REDACTED]

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FY 1990 Production Enhancement Initiative (PEI) Program

9. A package calling for proposals for the FY 1990 PEI program was sent to the IPC member organizations in early April. The Staff has received several inquiries on the mechanics of the program and is now waiting for new proposals as the June deadline approaches. The Staff also expects to make a final decision in early May on the design of a new poster and brochure to publicize and explain the PEI program. [REDACTED]

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External Research Contract Database

10. Programing to automate the Staff's external contract data files has been completed. Last-minute refinements made to spreadsheet formats will permit better analysis of the contract data, and a report on FY 1988 contracts will be disseminated in early May to the IPC members and the chairman of the DCI Production Committees. A call for data on first-quarter FY 1989 contracts was sent on 11 April. Planning is under way to provide IPC organizations with the capability of updating their submissions on external research contract data to the IPC Staff by floppy disk. [REDACTED]

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Weapons Intelligence Initiatives

11. As a participant in the IC Staff's Weapons Intelligence Working Group, the IPC Staff has requested from the IPC members suggestions and initiatives for obtaining new data on weapons intelligence or for handling the large volume of data already available. Responses from IPC member organizations are due on 26 May. [REDACTED]

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